

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 5:15 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Jim Haskins, Chair Jack Krueger, Duane "Snake" Pierce, John Walschinski.

EXCUSED: Don Bettine, John Maino, Sherry Steenbock, Kristen Verhaagh.

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Polus.

As there was not a quorum present, no formal action was taken.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Krueger at 5:17 p.m.
2. **Invocation by Jim Haskins.**
3. **Approve/modify agenda:** No action taken.
4. **Approve/modify minutes of August 11, 2009:** No action taken.
5. **Request from C.P.O. Troy Ness for Membership on the Committee:** No action taken.
6. **Review of 2009 B.C. Fair Program & Discuss the Presentations of "Thank You" Plaques:**
Suggested recipients of "Thank You" plaques:
 - Navy Horizon Band
 - Ryan Funeral Home
 - Brown County Fair Board
 - Naval Reserve Unit
7. **Suggestions for the 2010 B.C. Fair Program & Direction of the Committee to Achieve Goal:**
General consensus was that the Veterans' Day Program went very well. There were positive comments about the Navy Horizon Band as well.

When Chair Krueger asked if the Band might be available next year, Jerry Polus, Veterans' Service Officer, offered an alternative. He said he spoke with Sergeant Wells who informed Mr. Polus that the Wisconsin National Guard has several bands that offer free performances. Mr. Polus said he mentioned next year's fair to him and has the application in case the Subcommittee would like to pursue this.

Mr. Polus said he thought this year's attendance was the highest ever. He continued by saying it would have been nice to have more publicity by the Fair Board and Media; but overall, he said he thought it was a very good event.

Several members expressed disappointment and suggested having the Fair Board include Veterans' Day on the posters that are distributed by the Fair Board. Mr. Polus suggested having the location of the booth (within the fair grounds) identified on the posters printed for this Subcommittee. Duane Pierce said a large sign above the booth itself would help. Another suggestion was adding the time of the Veterans' Program on the posters.

Jim Haskins will meet with the Fair Board and offer the suggestions when he presents the "Thank You" plaque to them.

Mr. Polus suggested that Mr. Haskins ask the Fair Board to consider adding free admissions for the spouses of the veterans. Chair Krueger said he would like to get a sponsor (or perhaps more than one sponsor) to cover the admissions of all the veterans and their spouses/families. He cautioned that the sponsors should not be any organization already providing sponsorship to the Fair which might cause a reduction in those contributions.

8. Discuss Plans for the 2009 Veterans' Day Program at Duck Creek VFW:

Chair Krueger distributed information to Subcommittee members of the previous year's contributors; he said if any contact needs a letter, give him a call at home. He requested that each member make calls to the same places as last year plus any others the member would like to contact.

9. Review All Veterans' Day Programs in the Area & this Committee's Involvement:

Chair Krueger asked the Subcommittee members to report next month on any events in the area.

10. Report from VSCO Jerry Polus (if available):

Mr. Polus said Thursday a group is going from the Aging & Disability Resource Center to Camp American Legion.

Mr. Polus said he has a tentative agenda for LZ (Landing Zone) Lambeau for next May. Chair Krueger mentioned that he saw Mark Murphy, President and CEO of the Green Bay Packers, being interviewed recently. Mr. Murphy told the interviewer that a huge event was being planned to recognize the Viet Nam veterans in 2010 (LZ Lambeau). Chair Krueger said Mr. Murphy invited all Packer fans to attend this celebration.

Chair Krueger asked where the POW (Prisoners of War) flag was positioned at Lambeau Field. Duane Pierce said it is on the flag pole closest to the street in front of the statues.

Mr. Polus said the Neville Public Museum contacted him today and expressed a desire to develop a display tied in with LZ Lambeau. He said he referred them to the local Viet Nam veterans' chapter. Chair Krueger added that the Museum is

hosting a ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. on September 11, 2009.

Mr. Polus continued by saying the driving force behind LZ Lambeau is Wisconsin Public Television; Mr. Pierce said the Packers offered the location. Mr. Polus said this is still a work in progress.

Chair Krueger said the Veterans' Center is open, and Mr. Polus said he has heard positive comments.

11. Report from Chair Jack Krueger, Including Review of the Media Release & Contacts Made by the Chair: None.

12. Report from Committee Members (Steenbock, Bettine, Haskins, Maino, Pierce, Verhaagh, & Walschins)

Jim Haskins reported that he spoke with Senator Hansen re: the public hearing on August 1. Mr. Haskins was told that the meeting did not go well; it was lightly attended; and most were against it, especially the Republicans. Senator Hansen told Mr. Haskins that he would keep trying.

John Walschinski provided a sample of artwork to Mr. Polus for a window display. Mr. Walschinski and the Subcommittee members recognized the Recording Secretary and expressed appreciation for the quality of the minutes.

13. Such other matters as authorized by law: None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Next meeting October 13, 2009, at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Alexander
Recording Secretary